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# Friday Night Itch to Scratch Wins \$2 Million 

Instant Games Players Win $\$ 103.7$ Million in Prizes in August
TRENTON (Sept. 26, 2016) - When you get the urge to scratch you just have to abide. That's what friends Mark Nalbone from Robbinsville and Stefano Cifelli from Hamilton were doing at Welsh Farms on Flock Rd. in Hamilton last month. Unfortunately, their itch to scratch wasn't being rewarded with any luck when a third acquaintance, Tejal Patel from Edison, showed up. The men asked her to join the scratching party so that she could "... change the luck and bring new positive energy." After a few more tickets the group uncovered a winning $\$ 2,000,000$ Mega Cash top-prize. The trio will split the prize evenly. As for how they will enjoy the winnings, Nalbone said that he will take a family vacation and perhaps buy his wife a new car for her birthday. Cifelli is going to Italy for a vacation and will pay off some bills and invest the rest. Patel will be adding to her children's college fund.

Carole Hedinger, New Jersey Lottery executive director said, "Congratulations to all of our top-prize winners and to the thousands of other instant games prizewinners throughout the state. In August, the Lottery paid out more than $\$ 103.7$ million in top prizes. In addition, educational programs and institutions along with the other Lottery beneficiaries received more than $\$ 30$ million from Instant Games revenue generated during the month. "


Some other winning during the month include Donna and Bill from Woodbury in Gloucester County. They are thrilled about their \$5,000 a Month for Life win with a cash value of $\$ 1.275$ million. Bill sustained a manufacturing injury and Donna has been struggling to provide for their family of four. "Bill went to get ice and this game jumped out at him. God works in mysterious ways," Donna said. The store, Dollar Dream, is living up to its name for this grateful family.

If you believe that good things come in threes, then Nancy and Dino's story will confirm it. This couple from Washington Twp., in Bergen County received some disappointing news when Nancy recently lost her job. Shortly after though, one of their daughter's became engaged to be married while their other daughter announced that she was pregnant with twins. And number three of course is winning a million dollars playing the All Cash Millions instant game. Their

lucky retailer is Township Stationary, 299A Pascack Rd., Washington Twp. in Bergen County.


Our next winner, Ali from Clifton in Passaic County, is fortunate to be able to purchase Lottery tickets all across the state. He is a truck driver and makes deliveries to various local stores on his route, some of which are lottery retailers. He bought the winning $\$ 2,500$ Frenzy ticket at Little Falls Corp., 355 Rt. 46 \& E. Clove Rd., Little Falls but scratched it at another store. It appeared that it was a million dollar winner but he couldn't believe it. He drove back to Little Falls where it was confirmed. He's got some great news to share with his wife and children.

New Jersey Lottery retailers across the state are also winners. Selling Lottery provides retailers with an additional source of revenue as they receive selling, winning ticket cashing and bonus commissions. In addition, NJ Lottery's strong brand appeal offers a significant marketing attraction to engage new customers and to keep Lottery fans coming back for their favorite entertainment.

New Jersey Lottery game revenue supports vital educational programs and institutions, tuition aid grants, school nutrition programs, veterans' homes, and other beneficiaries across the state. In August, instant games sales generated an estimated $\$ 30.6$ million towards funding Lottery beneficiaries. For Fiscal Year 2017, instant tickets generated an estimated $\$ 62.6$ million toward the funding of good causes. The chart below shows all of the paid top-tier prizes for the month and the stores from which they were sold.
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| August 2016 Instant Game Top-Tier Winning Tickets |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Name | Address | City | County | Game Number | Game Name | Prize <br> Amount |
| WELSH FARMS | 92 FLOCK ROAD | HAMILTON | MERCER | 1211 | \$2,000,000 Mega Cash | \$2,000,000 |
| DOLLAR DREAM | 532 GLASSBORO RD | WOODBURY HEIGHTS | GLOUCESTER | 1352 | Win for Life! | \$1,275,000 |
| TOWNSHIP STATIONERY | 299A PASCACK RD | WASHINGTON TWP | BERGEN | 1325 | All Cash Millions | \$1,000,000 |
| LITTLE FALLS CORP. | 355 RT 46 \& E CLOVE RD | LITTLE FALLS | PASSAIC | 1278 | \$2,500 Frenzy | \$1,000,000 |
| WOODRIDGE WINE AND LIQUOR | 206 HACKENSACK STREET | WOOD RIDGE | BERGEN | 1323 | \$500,000 Winfall | \$500,000 |
| JJ GROCERY, LLC | 246 SUMMER ST | PASSAIC | PASSAIC | 1287 | Monopoly Millionaires' Club | \$200,000 |
| DENVILLE MART/ BP GAS | 42 EAST MAIN STREET | DENVILLE | MORRIS | 1363 | Poker Showdown | \$150,000 |
| GEORGE'S LIQUOR | 130 ANDERSON ST | HACKENSACK | BERGEN | 1359 | Wheel of Fortune | \$100,000 |
| COUNTRY FARM | 550 UNIT 10 CRESTWOOD MKT. | WHITING | OCEAN | 1359 | Wheel of Fortune | \$100,000 |
| RITE AID \#843 | 608 NORTH WARWICK ROAD | SOMERDALE | CAMDEN | 1340 | Super Crossword | \$50,000 |
| MINUTE MART | 3 NETCONG RD | BUDD LAKE | MORRIS | 1374 | Super Crossword | \$50,000 |
| RITE AID \#10517 | 86 B LACEY ROAD | WHITING | OCEAN | 1374 | Super Crossword | \$50,000 |
| 7-ELEVEN \#39499 | 99 RT. 31 | FLEMINGTON | HUNTERDON | 1356 | Big Money Spectacular | \$35,000 |
| ON THE ROCKS WINE \& LIQUORS | 205 SHREWSBURY AVENUE | RED BANK | MONMOUTH | 1356 | Big Money Spectacular | \$35,000 |
| BOB'S MARKET | 206 PALISADE AVENUE | GARFIELD | BERGEN | 1251 | \$20,000 PayDay | \$20,000 |
| KRAUSZER'S FOOD STORE | 357 FRANKLIN AVENUE | BELLEVILLE | ESSEX | 1251 | \$20,000 PayDay | \$20,000 |
| GOLDY'S | 757 BROADWAY | BAYONNE | HUDSON | 1251 | \$20,000 PayDay | \$20,000 |
| COTTAGE DELI GROCERY \& LIQUORS | 23-25 SOUTH PASSAIC ST | CHATHAM | MORRIS | 1251 | \$20,000 PayDay | \$20,000 |
| 7-ELEVEN \#25398 (S) | 801 OCEAN AVE. | BELMAR | MONMOUTH | 1349 | Life is Good | \$20,000 |
| BP AMACO | 253 ROUTE 4 WEST | PARAMUS | BERGEN | 1355 | Crossword | \$20,000 |
| SAL'S DELI WINE \& LIQUOR | 4510 BERGEN TURNPIKE | NORTH BERGEN | HUDSON | 1355 | Crossword | \$20,000 |
| WOODLANE PHARMACY | 18 THROCKMORTON LANE | OLD BRIDGE | MIDDLESEX | 1362 | Lucky Day | \$20,000 |
| ABREU ENTERPRISES \#1 | 144 LEWIS STREET | PERTH AMBOY | MIDDLESEX | 1329 | Instant Bingo | \$15,000 |
| WAWA \#321 | 1680 LAKEWOOD ROAD | TOMS RIVER | OCEAN | 1329 | Instant Bingo | \$15,000 |
| VAILSBURG WINE \& LIQUORS | 986 SO. ORANGE AVE. | NEWARK | ESSEX | 1360 | Instant Bingo | \$15,000 |
| THREE BROTHERS MINI MARKET | 119 HALEDON AVENUE | PATERSON | PASSAIC | 1271 | Classic Bingo | \$10,000 |
| ORIENTAL LL FOOD MARKET \& GIFT | 434 PINE STREET | MOUNT HOLLY | BURLINGTON | 1284 | \$10,000 Pay Day | \$10,000 |

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can happen in Jersey:

[^0]| FAST \& FRIENDLY FOOD MART | 129 EAST MILL ROAD | MAPLE SHADE | BURLINGTON | 1284 | \$10,000 Pay Day | \$10,000 |
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| SHAYONA NEWSSTAND | 10 EXCHANGE PLACE | JERSEY CITY | HUDSON | 1284 | \$10,000 Pay Day | \$10,000 |
| P \& P LIQUORS | 1873 NORTH OLDEN AVENUE | EWING | MERCER | 1284 | \$10,000 Pay Day | \$10,000 |
| COUNTRY FARM | 212 BROAD STREET | KEYPORT | MONMOUTH | 1284 | \$10,000 Pay Day | \$10,000 |
| RAFAEL \& ANGEL LIQUORS | 390-392 MAIN ST | PATERSON | PASSAIC | 1284 | \$10,000 Pay Day | \$10,000 |
| HARBOR LIQUORS | 1225 WHITE HORSE PIKE | EGG HARBOR CITY | ATLANTIC | 1343 | \$10K Blowout | \$10,000 |
| KRAUSZER'S | 1045 RIVER ROAD | NEW MILFORD | BERGEN | 1343 | \$10K Blowout | \$10,000 |
| AMERICAN GROCERY | 1209 TEANECK RD | TEANECK | BERGEN | 1343 | \$10K Blowout | \$10,000 |
| 7-ELEVEN \#33475 | 357 MARKET ST | ELMWOOD PARK | BERGEN | 1343 | \$10K Blowout | \$10,000 |
| LA COSTA | 4000 LANDIS AVENUE | SEA ISLE CITY | CAPE MAY | 1343 | \$10K Blowout | \$10,000 |
| QUICK CHEK \#92 | 238 KEARNY AVE | KEARNY | HUDSON | 1343 | \$10K Blowout | \$10,000 |
| EARLE CAFE \& DELI | 57 SIP AVE | JERSEY CITY | HUDSON | 1343 | \$10K Blowout | \$10,000 |
| WAWA \#343 | 157 NEWTONS CORNER ROAD | HOWELL | MONMOUTH | 1343 | \$10K Blowout | \$10,000 |
| 7-ELEVEN \#11434 | 1361 STUYVESANT AVENUE | UNION | UNION | 1343 | \$10K Blowout | \$10,000 |
| SUNMART BP | 2014 ROUTE 57 | HACKETTSTOWN | WARREN | 1343 | \$10K Blowout | \$10,000 |
|  |  |  |  |  | Total | \$6,920,000 |


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